

REMEMBERING ANITA DEGLOPPER

By Gene Preston, President

The passing of Anita DeGlopper, May 27, 2023, saddens our Chapter 35 membership as she was so instrumental in our club history. If it were not for Anita and her husband Ray's tenacity, I dare say NYS would still be without a chapter of International Harvester Collectors. We literally owe our existence to them, as Anita's expertise at organizing and pulling things together inspired everyone, she met to give their all toward her goals.

Anita started out as our secretary and newsletter editor in 2005. She conducted fun contests naming our newsletter, *Farmall Flyer*, and our state show, *Red Power Charge* and put into place an active Sunshine Committee with chairperson. She persuaded Ray to be our first treasurer.

Back then I was writing for numerous national publications, and she convinced me to submit material for our



newsletter on a regular basis. Indeed, she formed a core group focused on whatever needed to be done and eventually we ended up as charter members. Unbelievable as it was, by the end of 2006 as membership secretary she had signed up 462 members across New York State. Anita forged numerous friendships among those members, including this writer. We served as directors together for years. My wife unexpectedly passed away from a brain tumor in October of 2008. As I looked around during the church service, there sat Ray and Anita all the way from Grand Island. One does not forget that.

She wrote in her director election biography that New York City was her hometown, being the daughter of 1st generation Italian immigrants growing up in a very competitive city environment. She went on to write that she was schooled in academics as well as family traditions. She graduated from Fordham College, became an elementary school teacher, and eventually landed in western New York as a teacher in the Grand Island School System. She retired in 1998 after 29 years of teaching, also surviving a broken marriage and raising 2 wonderful sons during those years. She met Ray DeGlopper in 2000 and were married in 2002, assuming the life of a "Country

Gentlewomen," as she put it, and taking on what would become the challenge of their new life together: the formation of IHC New York State Chapter 35. She administered to the needs of the club holding numerous positions, seeking another term as director, saying, "there is still much more to my husband's dream, and our vision for the future of our club's place in the International Harvester heritage." Anita and Ray were both re-elected to the board that year along with her continuing as membership secretary. She quickly made friends with

the IHC national officials and pushed us to a point where her paperwork helped us to become chapter host for the 2008 National Auction. At Roundups and Winter Conventions, I would see her rubbing elbows with national officials, and I predicted she would eventually earn a national position. Sadly, her health problems ended any hope for that.

I could continue for more pages on Anita's accomplishments and hope for our chapter since then leading up to the last few years, but dear readers, by now you know why she is being called our most prominent member.

Long lines at the Amigone Funeral Home in Williamsville, and a strong turnout at St. Anthony of Padua Church in downtown Buffalo, NY June 10, 2023, said it all about Chapter 35's "Country Gentlewoman" from New York City.

May the peace and love of the Lord provide Anita with eternal happiness until we all meet again one day. Our prayers go out to her beloved Ray and the DeGlopper and Meyer Families, and members of Chapter 35 as we grieve our loss.

In Loving Memory of
Anita L. Romagnoli DeGlopper



Date of Birth
February 18, 1943

Date of Death
May 27, 2023

Mass of Christian Burial
St. Anthony of Padua Church
June 10, 2023, 10:00 AM

OH HOLY ST. ANTHONY, GENTLEST OF SAINTS,
YOUR LOVE FOR GOD AND CHARITY FOR HIS
CREATURES, MADE THEE WORTHY, WHEN ON
EARTH TO POSSESS MIRACULOUS POWERS.
MIRACLES WAITED ON THY WORD, WHICH THOU
WERE EVER READY TO SPEAK FOR THOSE IN
TROUBLE OR ANXIETY. O GENTLE AND LOVING ST.
ANTHONY, WHOSE HEART WAS EVER FULL OF
HUMAN SYMPATHY, WHISPER MY PETITION INTO
THE EARS OF THE INFANT JESUS, WHO LOVED TO
BE FOLDED IN THY ARMS; AND THE GRATITUDE OF
MY HEART ALWAYS BE THINE. AMEN.

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